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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have approved Brigadier General Martin E. Dempsey and Brigadier General Barbara G. Fast to wear the insignia of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. The confirmation of Brigadier General Dempsey and Brigadier General Fast to the grade of major general is currently pending before the Senate. This approval will not be executed prior to the confirmation of these officers and the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. This action will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized. Brigadier General Dempsey is projected for promotion October 2004. Brigadier General Fast is projected for promotion July 2004.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell

Principal Deputy

cc:

Chairman,

House Armed Services Committee

Ranking Member,

House Armed Services Committee